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SMART'S THE WORD

Here are the drummers of two girls' bands, one from Denmark and the other from U.S.A. Above we see the Girls' Guard recently formed in the university town of Aarhus; the members are between 15 and 20 and much in demand for official visits and as a tourist attraction. Left are four drummers of the Iowa State University Pipe and Drum Band. They are at present over here on a tour of Scotland. Certainly, for smartness on parade, there is nothing to choose between them.

FATHER OF THE AMERICAN NAVY

On September 16 twelve United States Congressmen are going to Ireland to attend the dedication in Wexford of a statue to Commodore John Barry, "the father of the American navy."

John Barry was born in County Wexford about 1745, went to sea as a boy, and settled in Philadelphia as a shipowner in 1760. During the Revolutionary War he won fame for his naval exploits, and reached the highest position in the American navy.

The statue of him is a gift from the people of America.

WANDERING WHALES

Australian scientists marked 500 whales near Brisbane last month in order to trace their subsequent wanderings. This was a record number for Australian seas, but it is planned to mark a further 300 whales before the end of the season in September.

Such work in the past is now making it possible to forecast the movement of whales and the places where they will congregate. They normally spend the summer in Antarctic waters, fattening up there before coming north for the winter, and they like to follow the same route in their annual migrations.

TALKING THROUGH THEIR HATS

A "walkie-talkie" radio small enough to be fitted into a soldier's (or policeman's) helmet has been displayed in America.

Using transistors instead of ordinary valves, the radio weighs less than one pound and occupies no more space than a pack of cards.

It has been designed with a short range to prevent eavesdropping—but with a small "spaceman" aerial plugged into the top of the helmet the set is claimed to have a range of up to two miles.

YOUNG AMERICA IN THE WILD WEST

Spending their holidays blazing the trail in the forests of Wyoming

At this time of year many young Americans are spending their vacation in the forests, helping to blaze trails through territory which has changed little since the days of Davy Crockett. Young pioneers whose only qualification is that they must be fit, they spend their time under the watchful eyes of experienced foresters in the various "primitive" or "wild" regions which still exist in the United States.

Typical of these regions is the Bridger Wilderness in Wyoming, where 380,000 acres of wild beauty are studded with some 3000 lakes, many rushing streams, and more than a dozen mountains whose rocky peaks soar to heights of over 13,000 feet.

One of the great characters in this rugged country is Bob Hardy, now 74 but tough as whipcord after 40 years in the forest. He is one of the trail-leaders; one of the men who teaches a team of secondary school seniors how to "construct and maintain safe trails for horse and man to pass over." It's a tough life, but a grand one!

BREAKFAST TASTES GOOD

On the first morning of their ten-week trip the lads are roused at six to "wangle" or bring in the horses. Although the animals are hobbled (forelegs fastened with a short length of rope) at night to prevent them from straying too far, they sometimes manage to wander a mile or more in search of grass on the barren hillsides.

Breakfast tastes good on that first morning, with the appetite whetted by the chase after the horses. Breakfast over, Hardy gives his pupils their first lesson in frontier lore, showing them how to look after horses, a vital task in remote areas where no other transport is available. He makes them saddle and unsaddle the horses several times, showing them how to pack a horse, how to distribute the weight, and how to tie the double-diamond hitch which keeps the pack firmly in position.

HUNDRED AND ONE JOBS

All this is not properly learned in one morning but is patiently taught and re-taught along with all the other hundred-and-one jobs the trail-man must be able to do. The boys are shown how to clear timber, how to blaze a trail by marking the trees, how to build small bridges over streams.

Perhaps the most exciting task of all is clearing rocks from a trail by the use of dynamite. Bob Hardy always insists that only he

may actually handle the explosive, but he trains his team-mates to act as assistants and they soon learn how to select suitable places for inserting the dynamite and how to make the preparations to detonate it.

Bob Hardy, in fact, is a stickler for safety precautions as well as a keen believer in a tidy camp, well-cooked food, and regular hours for all the lads under his guidance.

EARLY START

Although they start at six in the morning, he expects his team to work until 4.30 in the afternoon, when they return to the camp they have left in the morning. Horses then have to be unsaddled, hobbled, and turned loose for the night. He insists on the boys taking turns to cut wood for the night fire and fetching water from the nearest stream.

Whoever is due for cook's duty prepares the evening meal while the others build a campfire to provide warmth through the chilly mountain night. Beds are made from pine boughs, with air mattresses on top, and by eight o'clock the entire team is usually asleep.

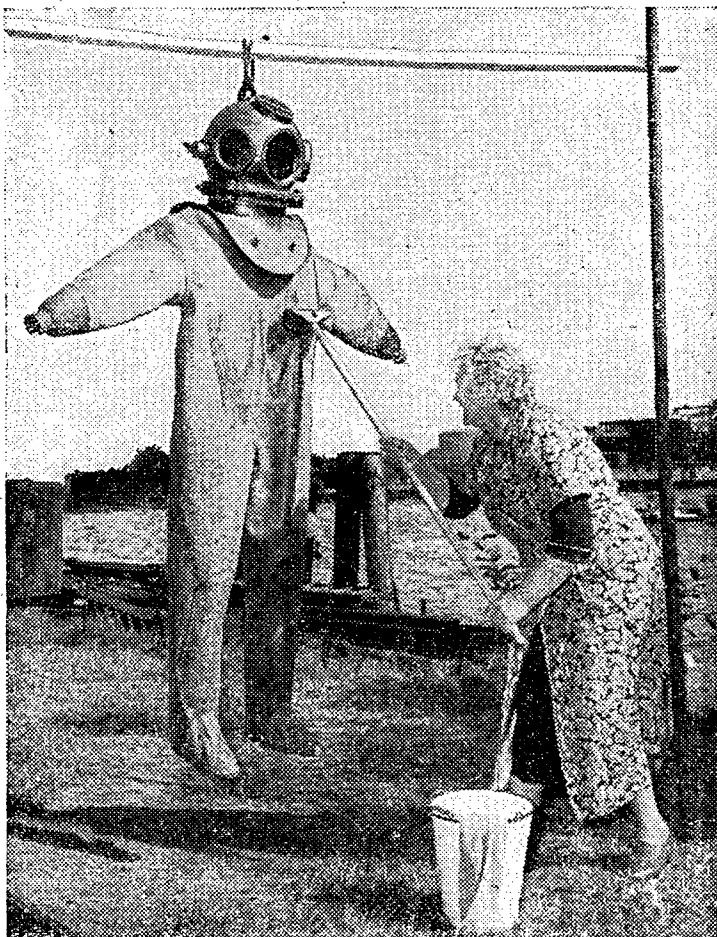
Only at weekends is there a change of routine. Then the lads spend their time washing their clothes or fishing.

WILD LIFE

Is life in the Wild West today as wild as the Western films would have us believe? Well, perhaps not, but Bob Hardy recalls that one of his young assistants once shot a black bear which had wandered into the camp. On another occasion, a porcupine ate the top of someone's "Western" hat.

But, contends Bob Hardy, if the lads return to civilisation without exactly having become Davy Crocketts in their own right, their friends and relations notice a big difference in them.

They are stronger, healthier, and more self-assured. They have discovered how to get along on their own, far from the towns in which they were brought up.



Washing day

A diving suit (unoccupied for the time being) gets a much-needed scrub down after being used for work in the muddy waters of Hamburg docks, Germany.

ALL THE FOOD OF THE FAIR

Dr. Johnson had no patience with people who "have a foolish way of not minding, or pretending not to mind, what they eat." The great man himself minded very much and there can be no doubt that he would have rejoiced in the British Food Fair, at London's Olympia from August 28 to September 15. A vast and varied feast will be spread here for visitors to "taste, try, and buy."

Most people are interested in food, and attendance at this fair reflects this interest. When it was last held, two years ago, it had 407,000 visitors.

CATERPILLARS AND CACTUS

This year the Americans are displaying their special foods for the first time. We shall be introduced to the alluring mysteries of their traditional pumpkin pie, and raise our eyebrows in amazement at such tinned delicacies as furry caterpillars, diamond back rattlesnakes in Supreme sauce, tender cactus pieces, and oysters guaranteed to contain cultured pearls.

Other countries displaying their choicest dishes include Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Poland, and Yugoslavia.

But Britain is not behind in food production. Reminders of this will be the countless thousands of cheese titbits to be given away by the English Country Cheese Council, and by the mass of fresh fruit, vegetables, and eggs to be shown and sold through the agency of the National Farmers' Union. Some five tons of tomatoes, ten

tons of apples, 600 lb. of mushrooms, 5000 cucumbers, and 14 tons of eggs will also be brought to Olympia during the run of the Fair.

More than 40 kinds of vegetables are grown in this country, and we eat over 16 million pounds of them a day. Altogether, British growers produced three-quarters of the fresh vegetables, flowers, fruit, and plants sold in this country last year.

Machines play a great part in food production today, and among those on view will be one that will appeal to all sausage-fanciers; it can make between 125 and 170 a minute.

This great show does a splendid job in revealing not only how food reaches our tables, but how it can be made more appetising on the way. Admission is the same as in 1954: 2s. 6d. for adults and 1s. 6d. for children until 5.30 p.m. After that it is 1s. 6d. for everybody.

HOME OF THE VERNEYS

Claydon House, about five miles south of Buckingham, has been given over to the National Trust by Major Ralph Verney. It is an historic house. Ancestral home of the Verneys, it is largely 18th century, but it stands on the site of a much earlier manor house, one which indeed was already old when it came into the possession of the first Sir Ralph Verney, Lord Mayor of London in 1465.

Very low tide at London Bridge

Londoners have been talking about the recent very low tide at London Bridge. For about 11.30 one morning, at the spot where so many ships anchor in what is called The Pool, the water was only about five feet deep.

About half a million City workers cross London Bridge every day but few of them know how deep that muddy and often swirling Thames may be. Passing by and perhaps looking down on the decks of some freighter from Norway or Portugal, they probably assume it to be fairly deep.

In fact, the normal low water depth is about 6 feet 6 inches, or just enough to cover the hat on a tall man. But the average high water depth is about 21 feet.

ACCURATE PREDICTION

The tide in the Pool is measured at Tower Pier. This is a floating pier kept in position by timber supports called dolphins. On one of these dolphins is a board with painted marks to show the changing level of the water.

The Spring tides, which occur every fortnight and give the greatest extremes of high and low water, were responsible for the extraordinary shallowness of London River that morning. A westerly wind, too, could help to shift the water seawards.

Ships using the Pool are in no difficulty; they rest on the river bed quite comfortably and, in any case, masters of vessels can tell what the water-level is likely to be on any day of the year by consulting the Tide Table in the Port of London Authority's Handbook. What our American friends would doubtless call an "all-time low" had been predicted on this occasion to the nearest inch.

WALKING IN THE THAMES

But it seems that this was not a record after all. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle records that on October 10, in the year 1114, when there was a drought or "great wontynge of water" in England, it was possible for Londoners to walk about in the Thames near the Tower with the water only up to their knees.

Seen from a window in the C N offices, the Thames at the time of writing certainly seems more mud than water. But Old Father Thames is a very live river and, with the few slight eccentricities allowable in old age, he is doing what he has always done. He just keeps rolling along.

News from Everywhere

The Cyclists' Touring Club's second adventure expedition for boys between the ages of 14 and 19 begins on August 31 at Pencoed youth camp in Wales. A new trophy, presented by Renold Chains Limited, is to be given to the boy who does most to foster the spirit of cycle touring.

BIGGEST TANKER

The world's biggest tanker, the Universe Leader, has been launched in Japan. She is 780 feet long, and has a tonnage, when loaded, of 84,730. Too big to use the Suez or Panama canals, she is to be employed on the Persia to North America run.

Victor Mobberley and Keith Bennet, of Springfield in Worcestershire, recently paddled a canoe from Dover to Calais in 5 hours 15 minutes. This is believed to be a record.

Rosie the elephant has carried nearly a million children and walked 7000 miles on her turf track during her 18 years at the Bristol Zoo.

FASTEST ON TWO WHEELS

Wilhelm Herz, of Germany, has beaten the world motor-cycle speed record at Bonneville, U.S.A. He reached over 210 m.p.h.

Fire brigades and officials with extinguishers will be on duty when the Olympic torch is taken from Cairns, in Queensland, to the Melbourne stadium.

Two extra news summaries are to be broadcast on the BBC Light Programme from next month. They will be at eleven a.m. and three p.m.

The Pilgrim Trust has given £10,000 towards the restoration of Carlisle Cathedral.

CANOEING SCOUTS

Nearly 100 Scouts taking part in the National Scout Canoe Cruise are due to arrive at Worcester on Friday, after a 70-mile paddle down the Severn from Shrewsbury, in six days.

Londoners can now dial XOX for directory inquiries instead of getting through to the operator.

H.M.S. Conway, the old wooden battleship used as a training ship, is to be broken up. She went aground near the Menai Bridge in 1953 while being towed to the Mersey for a refit.

A "tidiest village" contest is being planned for Kent next year.



Beside the sea—

as all of us like to be at this time of the year. A happy holiday picture from Sandown, Isle of Wight.



Eight hands in harmony

Four pupils of the Mount Stewart Junior Modern School, at Kenton, London, practise a piece specially arranged for eight hands on one piano.

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THIS COIN MAY BE A CLUE

Playing in a field behind his home at Eastham, Cheshire, young Stephen Gray found a small copper coin lying in the grass and thought it might be a discoloured silver threepenny bit. But the coin has now been identified as Roman, having been issued in the days of the Emperor Constantius Gallus who ruled between A.D. 351 and 354. It is fairly well preserved.

On the obverse side the head of the young Caesar is shown, and the inscription is translated as "Our Lord Constantius, the most noble Caesar."

On the reverse, there is a tall and well-armed soldier coming to the aid of a fallen horseman, and here the inscription can be translated as "Restoration of happy times."

Experts have examined Stephen's find and one of them has pointed out that its exact location may be a clue to the course of a Roman road known to have existed between Chester and Prenton, which is about three miles from Birkenhead.

Stephen thinks the coin may have been brought to the surface by local building operations.

So this is England!



This was a young giraffe's first look at England from the King George V Dock in London. Coming from East Africa, he was prepared for our rainy climate.

CHURCH IN THE WOOD

Hastings Corporation are hoping to buy 41 acres of woodland surrounding the Church-in-the-Wood at Hollington, visited by many holiday-makers every year.

Charles Lamb loved this little church half-hidden among the trees. He said it seemed to have been dropped by an angel for the use of a hermit.

The area has been protected by a tree preservation order, but the owners have applied for a licence to fell the trees. It is to prevent this that Hastings Corporation hope to purchase the woodland.

IN MEMORY OF B-P

London is to have a permanent memorial to Lord Baden-Powell. It will take the form of a centre for visiting Scouts, a club, and assembly hall. Work on the building, which will stand at the corner of Queen's Gate and Cromwell Road, near the Natural History Museum, will probably begin early next year.

The small museum of relics of B.P.'s life, now housed in the Boy Scouts Headquarters, will be transferred to the new centre.

40,000 YEARS AGO IN RHODESIA

Light on Rhodesia in prehistoric times has been shed by recent excavations near Lusaka. Experts of the Rhodes-Livingstone Museum have found a full range of tools fashioned about 40,000 years ago. Most of them were made of quartz, a difficult rock to handle. But the ancient Rhodesians made knives and lance heads out of it.

TALE OF THREE SECRETARIES

The latest of the Mary Dunn career novels, combining useful advice with an absorbing yarn, is *Outline for a Secretary*, by Angela Mack (Chatto and Windus, 7s. 6d.). It relates the adventures of three girls—Susan, Eve, and Anne—who are students together at a secretarial college, and it also contains many useful tips for beginners. For example, Anne spent a whole weekend writing and re-writing a letter applying for her first post. "First it was too long and chatty, then it was too humble, and then much to self-laudatory. Finally she wrote a perfectly straightforward letter . . . She enclosed a list of her qualifications and a stamped addressed envelope for a reply." Sensible girl, she got the job.

All girls who are hoping to become secretaries one day will find this an absorbing story. The author modestly states: "It was only by making all the mistakes there are to be made, personally, that I have been able to pin some of them down in this book."

She is obviously the best possible kind of guide for explaining the office ropes!



Two Brontë sisters

At Endale, County Down, a memorial plaque has been set up at the birthplace of Patrick Brontë, father of the famous literary sisters. These two little girls have a special interest in it, for they are descendants of one of Patrick Brontë's brothers. And their names? Emily and Anne Brontë.

DEATH OF AN OLD HERO

A man who won the Victoria Cross 60 years ago died recently at Muizenberg in South Africa. He was Major Randolph Crosby Nesbitt, who won his V.C. during the Mashonaland Rebellion of 1896, when he rescued a party of men and women who were surrounded by African rebels. With only 13 mounted men, he fought his way through to the besieged people and brought them to safety.

The Earl of Dunmore, who is 85, is now the oldest living holder of the Victoria Cross, which he won in 1898.

LINKS WITH CAPTAIN COOK

An English descendant of James Cook, Captain H. V. Jackson, has presented to the Melbourne City Council four close links with the great explorer. They are to be placed in Cook's cottage now in a Melbourne park.

The relics consist of a sea chest which Cook used on several of his historic voyages, a rushlight holder (an alternative to a candle and candlestick), a plant pot, and a handsome jet necklace which belonged to Captain Cook's aunt. This lady was a great-grandmother of the donor.

CRUSADING ON THE RIVER

On several Sunday afternoons this summer a beautiful reach of the Trent at Nottingham has echoed the singing of well-known hymns.

The singers are accompanied on a piano-acordion by the Rev. Arthur Bird of Bridgeway Hall Methodist Mission, who is leading a riverside crusade.

A motor boat brings Mr. Bird and his fellow crusaders to one of the finest riverside promenades in the country, the one-and-a-quarter-mile long Victoria Embankment, where lawns, gardens, and recreation grounds run down to the banks.

Anchoring near a broad flight of steps, the crusaders then hold a service and encourage everyone to join in. They are evangelists who have hit on a highly original way of spreading the Gospel. And their next "sailing date" is September 2.

A BOY LECTURES TO THE LEARNED

The British Association for the Advancement of Science has listened to many distinguished men, but they are going to hear a very young speaker indeed when they gather at Sheffield between August 29 and September 5 for their 118th meeting.

A Chesterfield boy, Kenneth Hughes, who is only 16, will read a paper on British finches. He has specialised in watching these birds and has an aviary in his garden. He left school only last February to take up work in a laboratory.

He gained an invitation to lecture after sending in a paper about his original research into the ways of his favourite wild birds.

BISHOP AND BOAT

A well-deserved tribute has been paid to the Rt. Rev. W. Baddeley, who retired in 1946 after 14 years in Melanesia, a huge area which includes the Solomon Islands and the New Hebrides Islands. Bishop Baddeley is remembered with affection because he remained in the Solomon Islands in 1942 when much of the region was in Japanese hands.

Now the Melanesian Mission has built a little ship for journeys between the islands, and has named it the *Baddeley*. She has been launched at a shipyard near Sydney, and will sail to her base at Honiara, the administrative centre of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL

A technical school at Soroti, in Uganda, has been built by the students themselves.

Since the school began in 1952 in an old army hospital, the hospital buildings have been gradually demolished and replaced by new workshops, lecture rooms, a hostel, and staff houses.

School subjects include carpentry as well as building, and the students have also made all their own furniture, besides curtains and cushions.



Summer fashions down on the farm

Buttercup and Myrtle are in the height of fashion in their new summer hats at Springhead Farm, near Crowborough, Sussex. The hats are useful, too; they have been sprayed with insecticide to keep the flies away.

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RADIO AND TVFUN AND GAMES AT THE
RADIO SHOW

THE BBC's Arenascope at the Earl's Court Radio Show has at least three programmes this week of outstanding interest to young viewers.

Billy Smart's Circus this Wednesday is called Circorama and will have two rings. Producer Peter Webber tells me this is to enable rapid camera switches from one ring to another so that no time is lost between acts. The elephants, camels, and horses, having travelled overnight by train from Shrewsbury, will be taken up in lifts to the Arenascope floor.

On Thursday afternoon Children's TV will spend all its time in the Arena for schoolboys' Five-a-Side Soccer and young people's displays of scout activities, dancing, dog obedience tests, and other items.

But the programme attracting viewers of all ages will be Youth Presents . . . on Saturday night. Producer Humphrey Fisher tells me that more than a dozen youth organisations were challenged to put on a display as entertaining to watch as to do. He believes they have responded wonderfully.

There are three band displays. The Boys' Brigade and the Girls' Training Corps will join forces in one of them; the Clarence Boys' Club will present their own Show Band on the Cyril Stapleton model; and the Boys of the Royal Artillery will have their band, too—a spare time one which has nothing to do with their military duties.

Three of the most spectacular events will be the musical ride by the Junior Pony Club, Cycle



The Boys' Brigade Stick Game

Speedway by London Boys' Clubs, and the Boys' Brigade Stick Game, a newly-invented activity which is said to provide the maximum fun with minimum equipment.

Adventures of a young reporter

ERNEST DUDLEY, whom radio listeners know best as The Armchair Detective, has been telling me about Bill Radford, Reporter. This, his first series for BBC Children's TV, starts on Saturday.

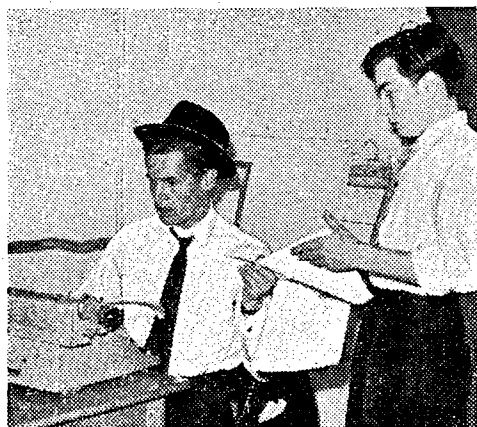
"Viewers will, I hope, find the six stories quite exciting," said Mr. Dudley. "And this despite the fact that there are no murders and not even guns!"

Bill Radford is a young reporter on a weekly newspaper who, in the course of his everyday work,

stumbles on surprising incidents and adventures. He is played by Derek Waring, whom you will probably remember in the very different part of King Charles in The Gordon Honour. Recently he has been fencing with Jack Warner around the Tower of London for a Jack Benny film series.

The gruff old proprietor of the Millchester Messenger, Charles Legge, will be played by the Scottish actor Ian Fleming, now celebrating 52 years in the theatre. Sylvia Bidmead, who will be seen as the proprietor's daughter Susan, was once a member of the Appleby family.

Ernest Dudley tells me that viewers can expect a lot of fun from the office boy Arthur, played by Anthony Green. This lad fancies himself at the City Desk, trying to turn the dignified Millchester Messenger into a blatant crime journal of the sort he sees in American movies.



Bill Radford and Arthur the office boy

TOMORROW'S JETS
IN MINIATURE

Models of 2000-m.p.h. jet planes that have yet to fly are now rolling off the assembly lines of a new secret workshop at Baginton, Warwickshire. This workshop will play an important part in shaping the aircraft of the future.

The company is manufacturing wind tunnel models of planes not only for themselves but also for other aircraft firms as well as Government departments.

Models made at the factory are necessarily expensive for they must be made only from the highest grade steels. Final finish must be accurate to microscopic limits. A small-scale wing, about the size of a razor blade, may cost several hundred pounds, and complete models could cost up to £8000.

MINNIE MONGOOSE
COMES TO TOWN

Some of the charming pets that were seen in Armand and Michaela Denis's TV programmes are now in the Children's Zoo in London's Festival Gardens at Battersea Park. They have come from their private collection at Nairobi.

The star among the new arrivals is Minnie the Mongoose, who already has a "fan-mail" of her own, and is the heroine of a new book by Michaela Denis. Minnie is on loan at the Children's Zoo, together with two bushbabies, two meerkats, and two genets.

The Denises have also given some of their pets to this Children's Zoo. Among these gifts are Gwak and Gwok, white-tailed mongooses; Gilbert the baboon; and Supermouse, a giant forest rat.

Looking back

SOME of us who think there was little Show Business before radio, TV, and the films, may have our eyes opened by John Watt, former BBC Variety Director. In the autumn, he tells me, he will start an early evening series in the Light called Almanack, recalling anniversaries of historic figures in drama such as Sarah Siddons, Sheridan, Goldsmith, and Garrick.

Looking ahead

IN the last week of July I met a party of BBC officials who had just attended a conference held by Features Chief Laurence Gilliam. What do you think they had been discussing? The Round-the-World Broadcast next Christmas.

Intrepid sailors

THERE is a recorded programme in BBC Children's Hour on Friday, called The Loneliness of Great Oceans, which would probably interest TV producer Paddy Foy after a recent adventure of hers in the English Channel gales.

She and two TV scene designers crossed to Calais in a small boat, had to abandon it and, having no French money, were sent home under the description DBS—distressed British seamen!

In Children's Hour the speakers are Eric and Susan Hiscock, who sailed round the world in a small boat; Edward Allcard, who set off on a similar venture last March; and Torstein Raaby, radio operator of the Kon-Tiki expedition.

Reducing the dazzle

HAVE you noticed exceptionally crisp pictures lately in BBC TV drama programmes? New Emitron cameras in Studio D at Lime Grove are much more stable than earlier types, which were prone to dazzle effects.

BBC engineers say the new cameras can accept an illumination ten times the normal without instability. Even when they are blinded by excessive light, the dazzle effect is limited to one spot instead of spreading all over the picture. ERNEST THOMSON

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

New Queen enters
London

AUGUST 23, 1662. LONDON—Princess Catherine de Braganza, the 23-year-old Portuguese wife of King Charles, made her formal entry into London today as Queen of England.

She was attended by a train of Portuguese ladies, and witnesses of the procession commented—not always favourably—on the dark complexions of the Queen's companions. Many people remarked also upon the unusual fashion set by the Queen herself: she wore her long black hair curled and piled high in a style never seen in England before.

Queen Catherine, who is the daughter of King John of Portugal, arrived in Britain three months

ago for her marriage to King Charles.

The King, owing to Parliamentary duties, was unable to meet her when she landed at Portsmouth, and by the time he reached the port three days later, his bride was ill in bed with a cold and a touch of fever.

The marriage was solemnised five days later. It is now revealed that Queen Catherine insisted on a marriage according to the Roman Catholic rites, and this ceremony was performed with the utmost secrecy on May 21. Later on the same day King Charles and Queen Catherine were married again according to the rites of the Anglican church.

Massacre in France

AUGUST 25, 1572. PARIS—Fearful stories are circulating through the city today of the number of people killed in yesterday's "St. Bartholomew" massacre of the Huguenots—the French Protestants.

It is not yet known how many perished, but rumours of the number killed range from 5000 to the terrible total of 70,000. Meanwhile, further outbreaks of violence against the Protestants are being reported throughout France.

The signal for the beginning of yesterday's outbreak in Paris was the murder of Admiral Gaspard de Coligni. The Admiral, a revered leader of the Huguenots, who had won religious toleration for Protestants in France, had recently been trying to persuade

King Charles IX of France to break away from the Catholic policy of his mother, Catherine de Medici, Regent of France.

Catherine responded to this by convincing her son that the Huguenots were conspiring against him and plotting to assassinate him, and the King yesterday gave orders for their suppression.

The first attack was made on the house of Admiral Coligni. A mob stormed the building; all the occupants were slain and thrown into the street from a second-storey window.

From that moment the streets of Paris were filled with the cry "Death to the Huguenots" and the frenzied mobs spared neither women nor children in their slaughter of suspected Protestants.

U S capital seized

AUGUST 25, 1814. WASHINGTON—A force of only 3500 British soldiers under Major-General Robert Ross has captured Washington. The army entered the capital of the United States today and accepted the city's surrender.

Confusion and disorder had reigned in Washington during the last few days at the news of the British advance on the city. The strength of General Ross's army

had been ridiculously exaggerated and yesterday, as he advanced slowly on Washington, a dispirited force of Americans met him at Bladensburg.

The American force numbered 7500—double that of the British—but their cavalry put up no fight at all and the only resistance of any strength was made by a naval contingent. The American army was put to flight with only slight British loss.

And here's the
name of the
driver

The names of the crack drivers of some British Railways express trains now appear on the locomotive cab. Here is Driver E. C. Hailstone, of the Flying Scotsman—and his nameplate. Driver Hailstone, who lives at Boston in Lincolnshire, has been driving locomotives for 34 years.

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CALLING CHILDREN OF THE FORCES

"THIS is the Forces Broadcasting Service." In every part of the world where there are British Forces, this radio call is eagerly awaited by thousands of youngsters. For several afternoons every week it heralds the start of another Children's Hour.

Members of the Forces Broadcasting Service produce these programmes specially for the children of the thousands of British servicemen who are stationed with their families overseas—in Germany, Gibraltar, Tripoli, Benghazi, Cyprus, Nairobi.

The British Forces Network came into being after the war. It was the natural successor to the mobile stations which followed the advance of our invading Forces and relayed certain British programmes from home as well as providing topics and news of local interest.

As the occupying powers took control they also took over the radio stations and organised programmes for the inhabitants and for their own troops.

But as the garrisons became more established, and the soldiers' families went out to join them, the nature of the programmes began to change.

The thoughts of a soldier away from home are largely with those he has left behind. But it is a

different matter when he is joined by his family, and together they make a new home, however temporary. Their interests, like his own, are divided between the old and the new. All of them want to know more of what is taking place all around them.

That is why the programmes from England became fewer and those of the Forces Network increased.

It was soon realised, however, that the young people also wanted a programme of their own. It would have been an easy matter to have the BBC Children's Hour relayed, but that would not have satisfied youngsters hundreds of miles from England. Right from the start it was decided that their programmes should have a local, and more personal, flavour.

With less professional talent available, this meant encouraging the children themselves to provide some of the entertaining—reading their own stories, acting in plays, taking part in competitions, and so on.

Then again, the area covered by each broadcast is much smaller than in this country and serves fewer children. So the boy or girl mentioned on the air is known to a large percentage of the listeners.

Illness is another factor which helps to shape the Children's Hour

of the Forces Broadcasting Service. A child who gets, say, measles or mumps, is immediately taken to an isolation hospital. This is to ease the work of doctors, who thus have all their patients under one roof. But even being in hospital has its compensations. How pleasant, for instance, to hear a favourite record played over the air with the good wishes of your friends. It must be as good as a tonic!

Not all F.B.S. programmes are produced in their overseas studios. Some of the most popular BBC programmes are included in the broadcasts, and certain items are specially recorded in England by the Forces Broadcasting Service and then sent out to the stations.

One of these programmes—a visit by Neville Powley to the Regent's Park Zoo—was being prepared for transcription when a CN Correspondent visited the London headquarters of the F.B.S.

TRANSCRIPTION

The recorded interviews with Zoo keepers and officials having been brought to the studio, technicians had begun their task of editing—linking the interviews, providing an introduction and background music, cutting to the prescribed length, and so on.

Then, the programme completed to the satisfaction of the producer, the transcription was ready to begin.

In one corner of the room was a tape-recording machine, and alongside what appeared to be a complicated gramophone, was an extra-large lightweight disc without grooves. As the master record was switched on, the reels and the disc began revolving.

A young man stood by the controls, adjusting the volume, watching the array of dials, and checking that the stylus, or cutter, was making grooves of the correct depth on the disc.

For twenty minutes we listened to the latest news of the birds and animals at London Zoo. Then, as the voice of Neville Powley said: "And that is all for this week," the machines were stopped.

Another programme was ready to entertain children in every part of the world where there is a garrison of British Forces.



Two children attend a broadcast in the studios at Cyprus



The producer (in the background) and controller of "What's in a Word," a school quiz broadcast regularly from Cologne



Preparing a record in the London H.O. of the Forces Broadcasting Service



Neville Powley records an amusing moment at London Zoo



Marking the quiz score-board in the Cologne Studios

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LIFE UNDER CANVAS

It is strange to think that 70 years ago many people were horrified at the idea of boys camping out. In 1886, when the Founder of the Boys' Brigade, Sir William Smith, proposed taking his lads to camp, there were protests from several parents and church officials.

They probably thought the boys would "catch their death of cold" if they slept in tents; even family doctors gloomily shook their heads and refused to be responsible for the consequences.

So great was the opposition that Sir William Smith arranged for the boys to sleep indoors, and to camp out only in the daytime. But such half-measures did not satisfy him, and he set to work to overcome the prejudice against "night air."

Since those times countless thousands of young people have known the joys of life under canvas. By the end of this month, for example, about 38,000 members of the Boys' Brigade will have spent a week or more in camp. And like millions of other boys they have found that for a really healthy and health-giving holiday there is nothing to compare with it.



OUR HOMELAND

The village of Hadlow, Kent, dominated by the 150-foot tower of its modern castle

The Editor's Table

HELP UP THE HILL

HILARY BOOTH and Pauline Denny are little girls who live at the foot of a hill on one of the favourite country walks in Heywood, Lancashire. Having noticed that old people get tired before reaching the top, they decided to do something to help them. They collected toys, books, and clothes from all their friends and neighbours, and arranged a little open-air sale. Business was brisk and soon their stall was cleared with £4 6s. in the till.

Hilary then wrote a letter to the Mayor of Heywood telling him what they had done. Now one of the most cherished possessions of herself and her friend is a letter from the Mayor, thanking them for their thoughtfulness and saying that their money will be used to purchase a seat which, suitably inscribed, will be put halfway up the hill for the benefit of weary travellers.

Elephant with a swollen head

A WILD elephant known as the Lord Mayor of Paraa is one of the sights of Uganda's Murchison Falls National Game Park. Having no fear of humans, he ambles amiably up for a titbit and accepts it with courtesy and dignity.

Recently, however, he has been forgetting his manners. He has been popping his huge head into the tents of tourists and sometimes making off with an article of clothing as a souvenir. Another recent trick of his is to turn on taps in the camp grounds, when he wants a drink or a bath, and forget to turn them off again.

In fact, the "Lord Mayor" is becoming rather a problem. Popularity seems to have gone to that huge head.

Shades of Robin Hood

ROBIN HOOD would never have believed it possible that the archers of Sherwood Forest could ever be beaten. But it has happened. In a recent match the Sherwood Forest bowmen were defeated—narrowly, it is true—by an American team at Sherwood in the State of Oregon. The Nottinghamshire foresters shot in Wollaton Park, and their challengers at a Robin Hood festival 6000 miles away in their own Wild West.

Results were exchanged by transatlantic telephone and proved quite a shock for the Englishmen. But doubtless they soon recovered. The Merry Men of Sherwood could never be downhearted for long.

Panther twins



Rarely are panther cubs born in captivity, but the happy event took place not long ago at Rome Zoo—bouncing black twins.

Think on These Things

AT the beginning of his long reign King Solomon had a dream in which God said to him: "Ask what I shall give thee" (I. Kings 3).

Solomon's request was not for money or possessions but for "an understanding heart"—for wisdom to know what was right and to rule his people justly and well.

We need wisdom if we are to live our lives rightly. This is not just the knowledge that comes from books, for a man can have a great deal of book-learning and yet lack wisdom, while a quite simple and unlearned person can be really wise.

Wisdom comes from God, and God will give it us if we seek it at His hands. If we try to honour and love God we shall find it. As the psalmist rightly said: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As Lawrence Sterne wrote: If a man has a right to be proud of anything, it is of a good action done as it ought to be, without any base interest lurking at the bottom of it.

THEY SAY . . .

IF you happen to be a saint I would not advise you to stand for Parliament. Indeed, I do not think it very likely that you would be elected.

Mr. Christopher Hollis, former M.P. for Devizes, in a BBC broadcast

WEATHER forecasting has only recently grown out of the stage of almanacs and crystal gazing.

Sir Graham Sutton, Director, Meteorological Office

No class of foreigners working in India during the past 100 years, by and large, have served the country with greater zeal and interest than the missionaries.

Dr. John Matthai, former member of the Indian Government

QUIZ CORNER

1. What is the meaning of the phrase "to bury the hatchet"?
2. To which family of insects does the ladybird belong?
3. What do the letters P S signify at the end of a letter?
4. What is the longest railway tunnel in the world?
5. What are the right names for a young swan and a female swan?
6. Who invented the pill-box?

Answers on page 12

Out and About

A LONG line of telegraph posts curves up to the village and beyond. The wires hum as the wind strums on them, but there is also a lively twittering from dozens of swallows using them as a perch. Perhaps the wind has cleared the air of insects for otherwise they would be hunting them on the wing, dipping and circling.

These young swallows, evidently at a kind of traffic stop on their route southward, gather in parties. About six weeks hence they will all have taken off from the south of England to winter resorts in Africa that their parents reached weeks ago.

C. D. D.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, August 28, 1926

A SHOCK of earthquake has been felt in 22 counties of England.

The tremors were felt over an area of 16,000 square miles, about a third of the total area of the country. The origin of the shock was apparently near Hereford, and in parts of Gloucestershire the movements lasted two minutes.

Though slight damage seems to have been done here and there, no lives were lost and nobody was seriously hurt.

Next Week's Birthdays

August 26

Sir Robert Walpole (1676-1745). Statesman. Member of



a great Norfolk landowning family, he was the first man to hold office as Prime Minister in this country. He

was also the longest continuous holder of it—18 years, in a period of great prosperity.

August 27

The Marquess of Salisbury (1893). Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords. When he was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs before the war he stood by Sir Anthony Eden and, like him, resigned his office as a protest against the policy of appeasement.

August 28

Lindsay Hassett (1913). Australian cricketer. For several years he captained the team against England in the Test Matches. He is here again this year, but writing about the matches, not playing in them.

August 29

John Locke (1632-1704). Philosopher. One of the greatest thinkers of all time, he wrote



an essay on Human Understanding, and other great works on Toleration and on Civil Government which profoundly influenced the political

opinion of his day. For several years he was Secretary to the Board of Trade.

August 30

J. M. Dent (1849-1926). Publisher. A boyhood accident made him lame, so that he could not play games. He thus devoted much time to reading. His fondness for books led him to become a bookbinder and eventually a publisher. It was he who planned the great Everyman Library.

August 31

Sir John Young (1807-1876). Administrator. As Lord High Commissioner for the Ionian Islands in the 1850s he won a high reputation for wisdom and tact in handling difficult situations. He showed the same statesmanlike qualities when Governor-General of New South Wales, and later of Canada.

September 1

Engelbert Humperdinck (1854-1921). German composer. A great teacher of music as well as a music critic, he is remembered today chiefly for the delightful fairy opera, Hansel and Gretel, which he wrote in 1893.

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In the Country with THE HUT MAN

STRANGE ENCOUNTER ON ROCKY HILLSIDE

Rocky Hillside rises steeply from my Hut Country burn where it enters Round Pond at Vole Creek. Its rounded slopes are covered with springy moorland turf, and grey, lichen-covered rocks and boulders rise here and there, as my father used to tell us, like the earth's bones sticking through its skin.

Between these rugged buttresses the grassy channels are gay with flowers—tormentil, trefails, scabious, anemones, milkwort, and our Scottish bluebell, the harebell of girls and boys living south of the Border. There are also several sturdy little hawthorns, dwarfed by the south-west gales, their wind-retarded growth forming bushes of densely intertwining twigs.

It was under one of these robust but stunted veterans that I had an interesting meeting with one of our shyest birds, a magpie, while sheltering from a rainstorm with

that gathered immediately in every hollow, while all Rocky Hillside began to steam like a gigantic haggis.

Then our visitor arrived. I did not hear him at first, but as he worked his way into shelter from the top of the tree the rustling made me look up, and there he was, a very wet and bedraggled bird who gazed down at us with almost imploring eyes.

For some time he contented himself with the garret, but gradually, as the frail roof above him leaked more and more, he worked himself down from branch to branch till he was well into the centre of the tree and only a yard above our heads. Mowgli paid no attention, and I did not move.

During the next few moments the tenant of the upper floor remained watching me, cautiously alert but always with that same imploring look, and I thought of

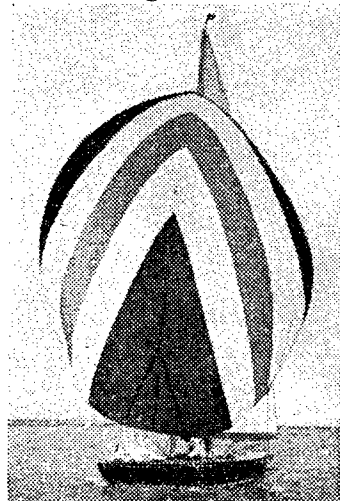
Burns's line that "affliction's sons are brothers in distress." Then, as the lightning flashed far off, he cocked his head to one side, examined a forlorn wing, and pulled a feather straight with a quick movement of his bill. As if this improvement had given him confidence he set about a methodical preening of rain-

disordered plumage.

We remained together for a quarter of an hour, while the rain poured down all round about us. When it suddenly lessened and finally stopped he was the first to go. Working slowly from branch to branch he returned to the attic, then flew off.

I generally do not like thunderstorms, and I am not too fond of magpies because of their marauding habits; but now I never see a magpie without kindly thoughts for that little August companion.

Catching the breeze



The brightly striped spinnaker sail of the yacht Vision makes the most of the breeze at Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Mowgli, my black-and-tan cocker spaniel.

We were returning from the Faraway Wood on a still, sultry August afternoon, hoping to reach the Hut before the threatening storm broke into action. Blue-black nimbus clouds had been compressing themselves in the west, slowly blotting out the sun as the sharp edge cast its creeping shadow farther and farther over Hut Country. It was a scene of strange, eerie beauty.

The first low rumble of distant thunder started as we crested Rocky Hillside, and before we had reached the burn the rain came on. What rain! The first few drops caused wet patches which spread over the shoulders of my khaki shirt, and realising that it was hopeless to gain home in time I raced to the nearest of the hawthorns and crawled under its low-hanging, matted boughs to shelter from the downpour.

UNCOMFORTABLE MOMENTS

It was not a comfortable shelter. Sharply-armed twigs pressed against my head, the ground was like a mattress of pins and needles, and for the first few minutes I was too busy withdrawing spikes from smarting punctures to worry about the torrential rain.

All round my little tree the rain hissed in encircling sheets, rebounding from the flood puddles



New Viscount takes the air

A new model of the Vickers Viscount, the 800, has made its first flights from the makers' airfield at Brooklands, near Weybridge, Surrey. Powered by four Rolls-Royce Dart engines, the 800 has already been ordered by many airlines, including B.E.A. and K.L.M.

NEW HOMES FOR 22,000 AFRICANS

About 22,000 of the Batonka people of Southern Rhodesia are to be moved from the Zambesi area which will be flooded by the Kariba Dam, which is being built to supply Rhodesia with much-needed electric power.

The move will be spread over the next 18 months, but nearly 1750 square miles will have to be cleared this year and trucks have already started to shift many of the people and their belongings.

Looking their last on the old familiar places will be a sad occasion for most of these folk, but everything possible is being done to help them. Commissioners have been busy surveying and preparing land for the Batonka people at sites chosen by tribal representatives.

SPINNING 41,000 MILES OF WIRE

Work has just begun on "spinning" the cables for the new Mackinac Straits Bridge in America, claimed to be the world's longest suspension bridge. This laying of the cables will not be completed until the end of the year, and the operation consists of hauling the wires over the 552-foot-high towers from one anchorage to another.

There are 37 strands of wire to handle in this way, each strand being made up of 340 wires the thickness of an ordinary lead pencil. In all there will be 12,580 wires in each cable and the total length of wire will be 41,000 miles.

STRANGER IN THE NET

A gorgeously coloured fish, four feet long, was recently caught in Shetland waters by the Lerwick boat Harvest Gold. It was an opah, a fish that generally keeps to warmer seas; only six have ever been caught off Scotland's coasts. They are very good to eat, but this one has been sent to the Scottish National Museum.

SOUVENIRS FOR THE OLYMPIC VISITORS

Members of an Aborigine tribe at Ernabella Presbyterian Mission, 280 miles from Alice Springs, in Central Australia, are busy making souvenirs for visitors to the Melbourne Olympic Games in November.

These souvenirs include beautiful woollen rugs used by Aboriginal families who tend large flocks of sheep in the outlying camps. The pure merino wool is spun with a "spinning stick" twirled on the leg, dyed in attractive colours, and then woven according to traditional designs.

Miniature spear sets are being made by the boys and men besides boomerangs and examples of the old digging dish used by the women for obtaining roots and water.

OLYMPIC GARDEN

Just below Putney Bridge is a little public garden which many Londoners are now pausing to admire. It contains about 60,000 plants of different colours, arranged in a pattern symbolising the forthcoming Olympic Games at Melbourne.

The Melbourne coat-of-arms is inset in a huge green map of Australia, bordered in yellow and red. This is all enclosed by a triangle with the five Olympic rings, the Olympic torch, and the Olympic medal displayed in various colours at its corners.

OUR DUMB FRIEND BELLO (6)



JOURNEY UP THE ZAMBESI

A Rhodesian journalist, Mr. D. T. Scannell, is retracing the 350-mile route taken by Francisco Barreto, a 16th-century Portuguese explorer and diplomat. In 1569 he led an expedition of 1000 armoured soldiers up the River Zambesi from Sena, one of the earliest inland forts established by the Portuguese.

Barreto's men fought off repeated attacks by the African warrior king Monomatapa. But they were finally beaten by malaria, only a handful surviving to reach the ancient fort at Zumbo, now a border post in Mozambique, close to the boundaries of Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

In this part of the Zambesi are thought to be the rich gold and silver mines worked long centuries ago by the African people. From these mines, so the legend runs, came the gold presented by the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon. Barreto failed to find them, and so have numerous expeditions in modern times; but Mr. Scannell hopes for better luck.

LIVINGSTONE'S PATH

Having followed the path of the old explorer, Mr. Scannell will continue his trek to the source of the Zambesi, at Kalene Hill in the north-western corner of Northern Rhodesia. This will take him along the path followed by David Livingstone through the vast Barotse Plain. He also hopes to explore a stretch of the valley soon to be flooded by the Kariba Dam, which is to supply Rhodesia with much-needed electric power. (See page 7).

Mr. Scannell then intends to move on to Feira, near Zumbo, to investigate the possibility of a game reserve there. This is one of the most prolific game areas left in the country.

From there? Well, unless he has discovered those legendary gold and silver mines, it will be back to his desk in Salisbury for the adventurous Mr. Scannell.

RIVAL TEST MATCH CAPTAINS IN 1905 WERE

F. S. JACKSON

(ENGLAND)

AND **J. DARLING**

(AUSTRALIA)

WHO WERE EXACTLY THE SAME AGE (BOTH BORN NOV. 21, 1870)

IT WAS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR JACKSON, FOR HE WON THE TOSS FIVE TIMES AND HEADED BOTH BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES FOR ENGLAND (VICTORS IN THE SERIES, WITH TWO MATCHES WON AND THREE DRAWN)

Sporting Flashbacks



VILLAGE REMEMBERS A GALLANT VICAR

Next Sunday, August 26, the people of the little Derbyshire village of Eyam will once again pay tribute to Parson Mompesson, gallant leader of his flock during the dread plague which ravished the parish nearly three centuries ago. At the commemoration service they will no doubt be joined as usual by a large number of visitors, many of them young people who ramble in the Peak District every weekend throughout the summer.

The story of the Great Plague of London is known well enough. Not nearly so well known is the story of what happened at Eyam, among the Derbyshire hills. The epidemic broke out on September 7, 1665, and during the next 13 months more than 250 villagers fell victim to it. Only about 100 escaped.

DANGER IN A PARCEL

It is thought that the infection came with a parcel of clothing brought to the village from London. Certainly within a day or two of its delivery the first victim fell sick and died. Then there was another, and another.

Soon panic stalked the single

street of little Derbyshire limestone houses. Divine Service could no longer be held in the parish church, but the vicar of Eyam, a man of Huguenot descent named William Mompesson, gathered his flock together in a dell just beyond the houses and from a natural rock pulpit preached to them words of comfort and strength.

Cucklet Dell is still a point of pilgrimage throughout the summer months. And it is there that the annual commemoration service is to be held on Sunday.

LITTLE CHANGED

Visiting the dell today, it is not difficult to picture the scene as it must have been in those unhappy, far-off days. The village and the surrounding countryside are little changed, and one can imagine the figure of the parish priest on the rock, exhorting the simple, agricultural folk to put their trust in God.

But the gallant vicar did more than preach. He saw clearly that if his people were permitted to follow their natural inclination to flee from the village, it was all too likely that the plague would soon spread throughout the Midlands.

Mompesson took swift and desperate action. Calling all who could possibly attend to a special meeting, he instructed them not to move from boundaries which he had set. An arrangement was made for food to be put down on the edge of the village, near a well where the money could be washed. Mompesson's Well is there to this day.

And so, week after week, life went on in an atmosphere of apprehension, the inhabitants being given sufficient courage to carry on because of the example set by their parish priest.

BACK TO WORK

At length the day came when no new name was added to Mompesson's list of the sick. Gradually new life made its way into the sadly depleted village community. Men went out again to their work in the fields; and women washed their children without the fearful scrutiny for signs of the disease.

Men like William Mompesson are with us still, faithful in obscurity, at home and abroad. But it is fitting that once every year the good people of Eyam should remember him and give thanks.

AMONG HIS ANCESTORS

Early in the 17th century a family named Ensign farmed in the Kent village of Chilham. Until this year little was known of them, apart from the family arms in the village church of St. Mary's and certain entries in the old records of the district.

One of these entries showed that Thomas de Enesyng of Chilham was called upon to pay forty shillings towards the cost of knighting the Black Prince in 1347, and it was known that an Ensign sailed for "The Americas" in 1634.

In May this year the Vicar of Chilham, the Reverend Sir Reginald Champion, received a letter from a lady in Washington, telling him that she was a direct descendant of the Chilham Ensigns and asking him to christen her great-grandson, who had been born in England.

And so, one summer's day this year, the baby was baptised in the same church where his forebears were baptised long ago.

RED INDIAN PUPPETS

This year Canadian towns have been seeing their first all-Red Indian puppet show. It is called The Mysterious Little People, and the figures move about on their tiny stage enacting old Indian legends.

These legends tell how the first horses arrived, why the weasel changes colour, how wild flowers came to earth, and many other traditional stories. Canadian children have been flocking to the performances.

100-FOOT FOSSIL FOUND IN MEXICO

A fossilised dinosaur nearly 100 feet long has been found near the Mexican village of Cofradia. Considered to be the most notable fossil ever discovered in Mexico, this huge prehistoric reptile was brought to light by investigators of the University of Sinaloa.

THE SHACKLETON SAGA—new picture-story of a great Antarctic explorer (13)



As the weeks passed, the 22 castaways on Elephant Island began to lose hope. Wild did his best to keep up their spirits, but each secretly feared that the "Boss" had never reached South Georgia. Gloomily they watched the ice closing in. Meanwhile, Shackleton had been thwarted by the ice in three attempts, with different ships, to reach them. But he continued his tireless search for a suitable vessel, sending cables to various governments requesting their help.

The Chilean Government lent Shackleton a steel-built vessel, the Yelcho, and this time a way was found through the ice to Elephant Island. The castaways yelled with glee as they recognised their leader climbing down the side of the vessel into a small boat. Soon they were all on board, looking their last on the island where for over four months they had lived largely on seals, penguins, limpets, and even seaweed.

The Yelcho took them to Punta Arenas, where they were enthusiastically welcomed. Another ovation awaited them at Valparaiso, and at Santiago the President decorated Sir Ernest with the Chilean Order of Merit. Afterwards the explorer—in borrowed evening dress—attended a banquet. But his thoughts were with his ten men who were still stranded on the other side of Antarctica.

Plans had already been made by the New Zealand Government to rescue the other party, and when Shackleton reached Wellington he found the Aurora repaired. Sailing in her he reached Ross Island in January 1917, and went ashore to the hut where he had wintered 8 years before (in 1956 explorers found this hut still intact). To his alarm, the place was deserted.

What has happened to Shackleton's other party? See next week's concluding instalment

THANKS TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings has been getting into serious trouble with Mr. Wilkins, and as a punishment has been ordered to learn six pages of a history book by heart.

13. Catering arrangements

WHEN Mr. Carter entered the masters' common room the following morning he found most of his colleagues already assembled. Matron was there, chatting with Mr. Hind, a tall, thin man with a quiet voice who taught general subjects to the lower Forms. Mr. Wilkins sat back in an easy chair, his cup of tea perched precariously upon the arm. On his lap was a pile of Form IV Algebra books which he had collected at the end of the last lesson.

"Hallo, Wilkins," Mr. Carter greeted him. "I hear you found Mrs. Atkinson's guinea pig yesterday, after all."

Mr. Wilkins nodded. "Yes, but I wasted a whole History lesson with Form III in consequence," he said gloomily. "And if there's one Form in the school which can't afford to waste time, it's Form III. I tell you frankly they're turning my hair grey."

"I admit their work is nothing to write home about," Mr. Carter conceded, as he poured himself a cup of tea. "The Head's rather concerned about it. He was saying the other day that he shuddered to think what would happen if an inspector were to put them through their paces."

"Exactly! Take that boy Jennings, for instance. He's easily the most..." Mr. Wilkins sat up straight in his chair. "I say, we're not really expecting an inspector this term, are we?"

Unlikely visit

Mr. Carter pondered the query. A visit to Lenbury Court by one of H.M. Inspectors seemed to him unlikely, for it was not long since the Ministry of Education had completed a full-scale inspection.

On the other hand, there was always the chance that an inspector would decide to pay a call to see what progress had been made since his last visit. It was one of those things that were impossible to foretell.

"Well, I only hope he doesn't choose to come when I'm taking Form III for history," Mr. Wilkins said when his colleague had expressed his opinion. "Give me any other Form in the school and I shall be delighted to entertain every inspector in the Ministry. But Form III—well, I mean to say!"

"Stop worrying, Wilkins," Mr. Carter advised. "I've just told you that a visit is most unlikely. I merely mentioned the matter to show that it was time Form III got down to serious work."

"I've started on them already," Mr. Wilkins replied. "I've set that boy Jennings so much history to learn in his spare time that he'll be able to write a book about Edward I by this time next week."

In ones and twos the masters finished their tea and departed, and the room was almost empty when Matron made her way across to where Mr. Carter and Mr. Wilkins were still discussing the shortcomings of Form III.

"I've just discovered a secret," she told them with a smile. "It's Mr. Hind's birthday on Monday, so I thought it might be a good excuse for us to plan a little celebration."

"What sort of a celebration?" Mr. Carter inquired.

Coffee party

"Oh, nothing very much. Just a small coffee party here in the common room after the boys have gone to bed. Of course we must keep it a secret from Mr. Hind until the time arrives."

"Good idea, Matron," Mr. Wilkins approved. "You provide the coffee and I'll see about buying the cakes. I can slip down to the village in my car on Monday afternoon and order some."

It took Darbshire most of his spare time for the next two days to copy out the first six pages of chapter nine in his history book. Just before bedtime on Sunday he laid his pen down and sat back from the common room table with a sigh of relief.

"Phew! Thank goodness that's over!" he declared. "How are you getting on, Jen? Do you know it yet?"

Jennings shook his head in despair. Learning six pages by heart was a far more difficult matter than merely copying out the text from the book.

"Will you hear me, Darbi?" he asked.

Darbshire wiped his ink-splashed spectacles with his inky fingers and peered intently at the text book on the table before him. "Go on then," he said.

Atkinson again

"The reign of Edward I saw Parliament used for the first time in history as a—as an implement or something..." Jennings began.

"Instrument, not implement. An instrument of government."

Jennings clicked his tongue in reproach. "Don't be so fussy, Darbi. You'll be expecting me to put in all the commas and semicolons next." He took a deep breath, closed his eyes and continued: "It was during this time that great reforms were made in legal matters, for it was Edward's aim to—er—to—er..."

Just then the common room door swung open and Atkinson

walked in. Having fully recovered from the effects of tonsillitis, he had been discharged from the sick bay and sent back to join his fellows.

"Hallo, you chaps," he greeted them. "What's been going on around these parts since I've been away?"

"Nothing much," Jennings informed him. "Old Wilkie's been on the warpath once or twice. He got a bit peeved because we found a guinea pig, but he seems to be calming down a bit now."

In Dormitory 4 that evening it was only natural that Atkinson's return should lead the conversation round to the subject of the postponed dormitory feast.

Return to the feast

"You're a bright sort of specimen, Atki, I must say, calmly waltzing off to the sick bay and leaving us stranded!" Temple remarked.

"I couldn't help it—I was ill," Atkinson defended himself.

"Never mind about that. We can still have the feast now you've come back," Venables suggested. "I suppose your grandmother *did* bring the Irish stew and stuff that you asked for?"

"Well, no; I did ask her, but actually she brought a bottle of barley water and a guinea pig instead."

"A fat lot of good that is for a dormitory feast!" snorted Temple. "Here we've been waiting all this time for you to provide the provender you promised, and now you calmly turn round and tell us you haven't got it."

If the plans for the feast were to go ahead, and it was unthinkable that they should be abandoned now that the treat had been in store for so long, it seemed that they must fall back upon Jennings' original suggestion. Each must subscribe according to his means. Surely between the five of them they could raise enough for a simple though satisfying meal.

"I've got one and sevenpence to start the ball rolling," volunteered Jennings.

"And I've got a two-shilling postal order my uncle sent me last week," added Temple.

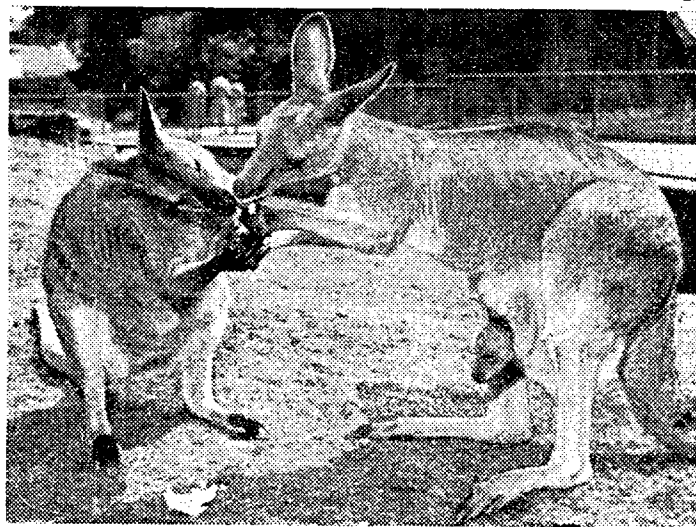
No lack of funds

This was a promising start. And when, in addition, Darbshire promised to subscribe tenpence, and Venables a further eightpence, it was felt that the feast would not, after all, suffer from lack of funds.

"When shall we have it?" Darbshire asked.

"The sooner the better. If we put it off again old Atki will go beetling back to sick bay with indigestion or housemaid's knee, or something," said Temple. "Why not tomorrow night? One of us could get per to slip in to the village after games, and then we can cook the stuff on the boiler during prep, according to plan."

All eyes turned to Jennings. As he had suggested the plan in the first place, it was clearly his duty to carry out the final arrangements. And yet, somewhat to their surprise, he seemed reluctant to play a leading part in the proceedings.



Waiting for mother

Kangaroo Junior waits patiently while his parents have a chat at the Bristol Zoo. Mr. and Mrs. Kangaroo are known as Peter and Boxer.

"I don't see how I can go in to Linbury. I've got another five pages of history to learn," he demurred. "And anyway, I've been in such a lot of trouble with Old Wilkie lately that I don't want to run into any more."

"But you can't back out of it now," Temple protested. "It was you who was so keen on the idea!"

"Go on, Jen," urged Atkinson. "I'll do the cooking!"

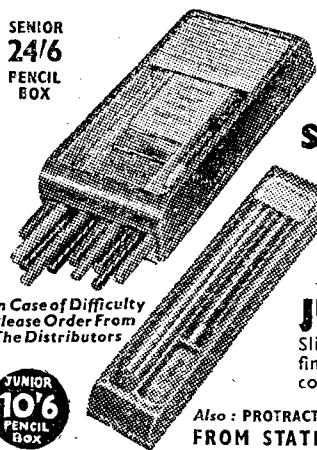
In spite of this encouragement, Jennings still seemed reluctant. Yet, as instigator of the feast, he could not withdraw just when events were approaching a climax.

"Oh, all right," he said grudgingly.

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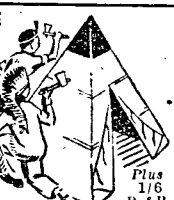
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TRIAL TRIP IN THE MAYFLOWER

Pupils of the Mayflower Junior School, Leicester, have been invited to sail in the new Mayflower during her trials in the autumn.

As CN readers know, the new Mayflower is an exact replica of the famous vessel which took the Pilgrim Fathers to America. She is to make the same journey across the Atlantic next Spring and will form part of a national memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The Mayflower Trust, which is building the new ship, has given this Leicester school a set of six china plates telling the story of the Mayflower, together with a medal commemorating the launching. The children have also been

put in touch with the Bloom Junior High School, Cincinnati, U.S.A., and letters have been exchanged.

The school has another link with the sea, for some time ago it adopted the deep-sea trawler Northern Prince.

How many pupils will sail during the Mayflower trials has not yet been decided.

LAKE SHIP SAILS ATLANTIC

A maiden voyage of 5500 miles is a noteworthy start to the career of the 275-ton tugboat Pemeno, built at Willington-Quay, Northumberland, and now on her way to Venezuela.

She is to serve a Venezuelan oil company on Lake Maracaibo.

SPORTS SHORTS

A FIVE-YEAR scheme to produce first-class tennis players is planned by Tony and Joy Mottram, who are opening a school at the Lowther Lawn Tennis Club at Barnes, Surrey. The Mottrams have studied coaching systems all over the world and their methods could easily bring to the fore some champions of the future.

Mantelpiece

JIM LAKER's mantelpiece is very crowded these days—with cricket balls. After a particularly fine performance a bowler is often presented with the ball, inscribed and mounted; and the Surrey bowler has certainly achieved some wonderful feats. The last two balls to arrive were those with which he routed the Australians in the Fourth Test, when he took his record-breaking 19 wickets.

WILLIE WILLIAMS, 24-year-old private in the American Army in Germany, broke down during the U.S. Olympic trials and so was not chosen for the team to represent America in Melbourne. Yet he has twice broken the world 100 metres record—in 10.1 seconds. At the same meeting in Berlin, fellow-American soldier, Ira Murchison, who has been chosen for the Olympics, also beat the 20-year-old record.

Six British motor cyclists will compete in the Moto-Cross des Nations on Sunday at Namur, Belgium. Since this gruelling cross-country race was started in 1947, Britain has won six times. First man home last year, Jeff Smith will be a member of this year's British team. Another outstanding member of the British team is John Draper, 1955 European Moto-Cross Champion.

Athletic holiday

THIRTY junior members of the newly-formed Torch Athletic Club are now spending a fortnight's athletic holiday in Karlsruhe, Germany. The team will train every day at the Karlsruhe Stadium and sleep in a nearby High School. During the fortnight they are having several matches against German clubs.

THE world cycling championships open on Saturday in Copenhagen. The opening event is the amateur road race over a course of nearly 121 miles; the professional road race takes place on Sunday, over 177 miles. British riders will appear in both events. The track events, which open on Monday, are staged at the Ordru Stadium. Norman Shiel, of Britain, will be defending his 4000 metres pursuit title.

WHEN England and Australia meet in the fifth and final Test at the Oval this week the tourists can only hope to draw the series. England must retain the Ashes, having a 2-1 lead in this series. This will be the 21st match between the two countries at the Oval. The previous games resulted in 11 victories for England, four for Australia, with five drawn.

MICHAEL LINDSAY, 17-year-old Marylebone Grammar School boy who was born in Glasgow, has thrown the discus 182 feet this summer—the world's second-best throw by a junior. Yet Michael fancied himself originally as a high-jumper before he took to discus throwing.

DEREK DOOLEY, who lost a leg following an injury while playing for Sheffield Wednesday in 1953, has so quickly overcome his handicap that he has been playing cricket this summer. He bats with a runner, but bowls fast and fields in the slips. He is also playing golf and retains his interest in football by scouting for his former club.

Sam the Retriever

SAM, the veteran golden Labrador of Lieut.-Col. Fred Kirby of Long-Ashton, Somerset, has a very special spot in the affections of many Somerset and Bristol golfers, for Sam has retrieved thousands of their lost balls.

During the war, when balls were hard to get, Col. Kirby went to live in Saltford, Somerset, and joined the local golf club. In three years Sam retrieved more than 4000 balls, all of which were handed over to the Saltford club. The club officials made him an honorary member and his portrait hangs in the clubroom. Now 14, Sam continues his good work.

WATER polo has never figured very prominently in schools sport, but this summer much progress has been made in the Surrey Grammar Schools League. Sutton Grammar School have a really great team, and the boys of John Ruskin and Selhurst Schools, of Croydon, are making rapid advance. The ages of these players range from 11 to 18 years.

WATCH for the name Laurie Watts in the Oxford University Rugby and cricket teams next season, for this young Bristol all-rounder goes to Oxford in October. At Bristol Grammar School, Laurie was cricket captain for two seasons, and followed John Currie, who won a Blue and international caps last season, as skipper of the Rugby XV. This summer Watts has been hitting many centuries for Old Bristolians C.C.

Barefoot footballers

NEXT week the Uganda amateur footballers will begin their 11-match tour of Britain against the London team, Wycombe Wanderers. At home these footballers prefer to play in bare feet, and many of them may well continue to do so. Among their games will be one against the British Olympic XI.

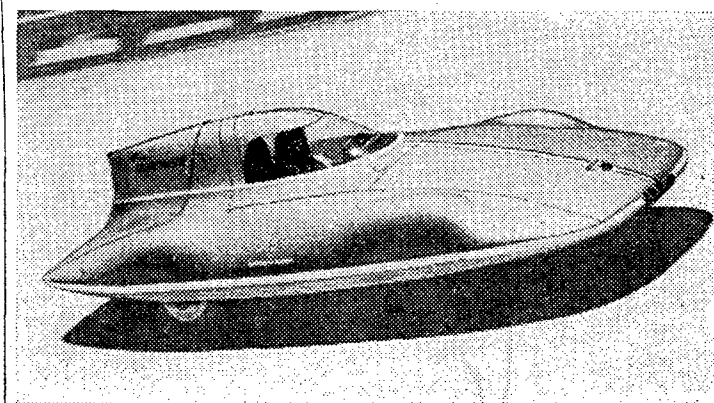
Ready for the start



An unusual picture of the starter at a recent athletics match in London.

CRICKET will lose one of its finest all-rounders when Ray Smith retires at the end of the season. Since making his debut for Essex in 1934, he has scored nearly 12,000 runs and may take his 1400th wicket before the end of this season. Last summer he won the cup for the fastest century of the season.

THE cricket match between the Men of Hambledon and the Men of Dartford, arranged for September 2 at Hesketh Park, Dartford, has been postponed until September 9.



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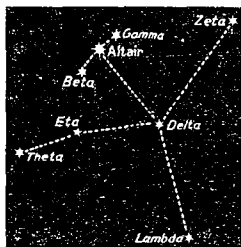
LOOKING AT THE SKY

WONDERS OF AQUILA THE EAGLE

The splendid constellation of Aquila, the celestial Eagle, is now high in the southern sky in the evening. Its chief stars form a distinctive design and so, with the aid of the star-map, may be easily found.

Aquila's glories present one of the most interesting regions of the heavens, for the great Galactic Belt, popularly known as the Milky Way, provides a grand "background"—the light from many millions of suns several thousand light-years away. A dark sky, of course, is needed to reveal this radiance to the naked eye, but to possessors of powerful telescopes the scene is one of superb grandeur.

Long before the night sky was blurred by artificial lighting, the heavens appeared much more brilliant than now; and under the clear skies of Chaldea and Egypt and other better-placed lands, the various aspects of the stars were imagined to present certain characters which appeared to foretell the course of events—the weather, the seasons, rain and flood time, harvests. Each period was associated with the appearance of certain groups of stars. By receiving names suited to what they symbolised, the Constellations thus came into being.



Chief stars of Aquila

One of these earliest of star-groups is Aquila, the Eagle, which has been found represented in stone in Babylonia 3500 years ago, and which was venerated in Chaldea long before. The name of Aquila's chief star, Altair, indicating a Falcon, suggests that this constellation represented a hunting eagle.

Altair is of special interest, being the nearest of all the bright stars visible to us in the evening at the present time. It is distant 16 light-years' journey—about 1,012,000 times farther away than our Sun. It radiates about nine times more light and heat, so it is calculated to have a diameter about half as wide again as the Sun, that is, about 1,200,000 miles.

Altair is, however, a much hotter sun than ours, with a surface temperature averaging 8600 degrees Centigrade as compared with our Sun's 6000 degrees.

The two stars almost in a line with Altair are very different, Beta being a sun about 42 light-years' distant and very similar to our Sun and Gamma an immense sun that radiates about 125 times more light and heat than ours, but from 142 light-years away.

Theta is of particular interest because it is composed of two immense suns about 155 light-

years distant from us; they radiate about 90 times more light and heat than our Sun. As they are only about ten million miles apart and speed round their common centre of gravity in only 17 days there must be a colossal tidal wave constantly travelling round each sun, due to their mutual attraction.

A most remarkable sun is Eta, which appears faint owing to its great distance of about 800 light-years. It is of much interest because of its immensity—averaging some 30 million miles in diameter—and the extent to which it regularly expands and contracts, as revealed by the remarkable variations in its light, which take 7 days 4 hours and 14 minutes to complete. During this time the star varies between 3.7 and 4.6 magnitude.

G. F. M.

MUSIC BOOMS IN THE U.S.A.

The U.S. Information Service reveals that over 28 million Americans now play musical instruments for recreation.

Television, which is now on a 24-hour daily service in most big United States cities, seems to have aroused the interest of boys and girls in musical skills, and much new talent is being discovered. At least 1000 music groups have been formed and Music Camps are attracting thousands of youngsters each summer.



Veteran of the road goes to sea

Parts of a 1903 car went into this fine tug built by John Denny for the Model Engineer Exhibition being held in London from August 22 until September 1. John, who lives in Bayswater, London, used his bedroom as his shipyard.

MESSENGERS ON SKATES

One of the things that most impressed a British aircraft designer during a recent three-week visit to America, was the way in which time is saved in every possible way.

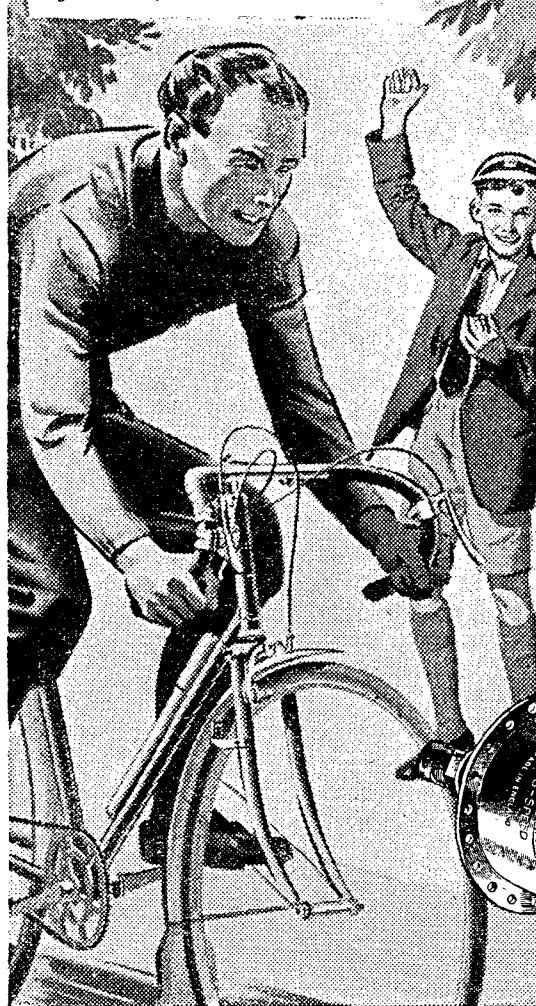
At the Douglas Aircraft factory at El Segundo, for instance, the office girl messengers deliver the mail on roller skates.

Nearly all modern American factories are laid out so that motor scooters can be operated freely.

POPULAR TARTAN

In its programme of lectures for the new autumn and winter session, the International Wool Secretariat is to give prominence to Tartans. For years clothing trade experts have been amazed by the growing popularity of tartans. A very big export trade is now being increased by greater demands from the British public who demand tartan designs for dresses, shirts, furnishing fabrics, shoes, pottery, and spectacle frames, in increasing quantities.

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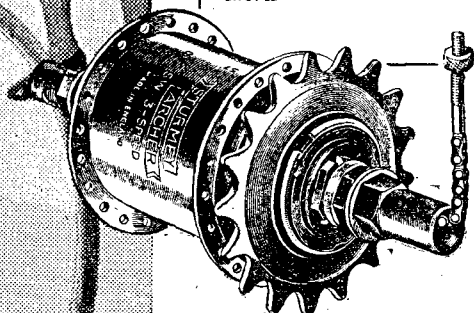
What name does everyone think of when bicycle gears are mentioned? Sturmey-Archer of course! No wonder! Sturmey-Archer have always been pioneers—always producing something new. For instance, they have just

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SAMMY SIMPLE

It was Sammy's first voyage. He had wandered up to the deck but could not find his way back to his cabin. "Can't you remember the number?" asked the steward.

"No," said Sammy, "but if I was inside my cabin I would know if it was the right one because there was a lighthouse just outside the porthole."

PUZZLE THIS OUT

A certain number is composed of two figures, which added together give a total of 12. Reverse the figures, and the one number you have will be smaller by 18 than the original one. What was the original number?

Answer in column 5

AT LOW TIDE

CHILD with the wondering, questioning eyes,
What do you see where the sunset lies;

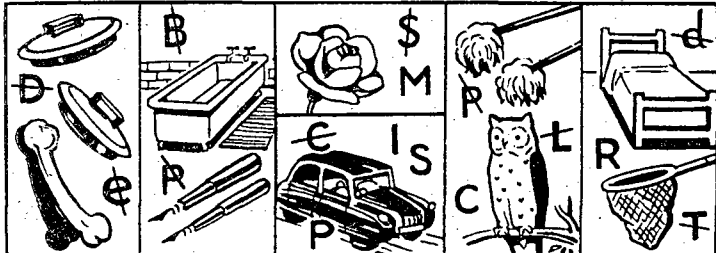
Out on the shore?
Do you watch the mermaids combing their hair,
With pools for their mirrors, calm and clear

Out on the shore?
I threw a stone at the sea today,
And now he's turned coward and run away!

FIND THE CAPITALS

The capitals of six countries are hidden in this puzzle. Can you find them?

Answers in column 5



Answers in column 5

BEDTIME TALE

THE ANT WHO WANTED ADVENTURE

ANNA was a princess ant who lived in an underground nest near the kitchen garden wall. Many other ant princesses, and princes, too, lived in the colony, and all of them had wings. But the queen, and the worker ants who brought them food and guarded them, had no wings.

It was in the hot summer days that Anna began to envy the worker ants.

"Why must I stay down here while they can go out into the world on food-hunting adventures?" she thought. So she began trying to get out through the tunnel leading to the garden.

But always the worker ants barred her way.

Soon the other princesses and the princes were copying Anna, and the worker ant guards became very angry.

"They will never let us go if we annoy them so," thought Anna. So she tried asking politely to go out.

And because she was polite, the guard explained:

"We are waiting for the right

day for the best adventure. Then you can all go."

At last, one sultry August morning, Anna found the way unbarred. Out she hurried, and the others swarmed after her.

Over the vegetables and up the wall they adventured, till Anna said: "To fly would be a better adventure still." And she spread her wings and soared up and up.

Up went the others after her. And presently a young prince ant flew alongside Anna and asked her to be his bride.

Then she knew the best adventure of all was beginning. For now she could be a queen ant and start a colony of her own.

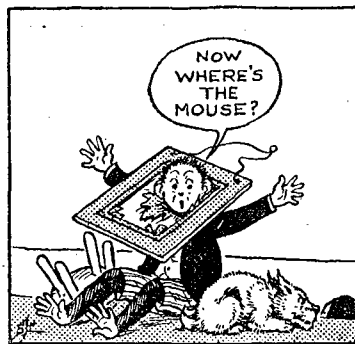
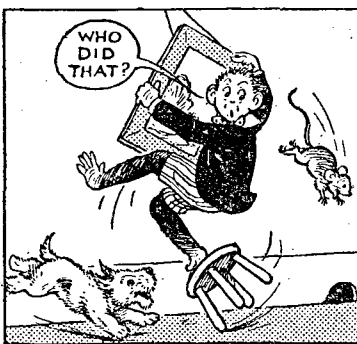
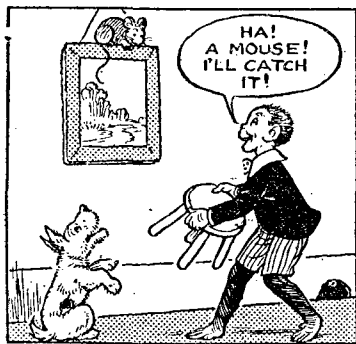
Back down to the gardens she flew and looked for a cosy hole.

"I shall need my wings no longer," she said, and shed them as quickly as she could.

Then happily she crept into her new nesting hole, and soon she was busy laying eggs to start her own colony.

JANE THORNICROFT

JACKO WAS THE ONE WHO WAS CAUGHT



THE YOUNG REFORMER

If the plural of fox is foxes,
Then the plural of ox should be oxes,
And if we say brothers or brethren,
Why can't we say mothers or methren?

If a foot in the plural is feet,
Why shouldn't two boots become beet?

Of more than one man we say men,
So why not one fan or some fen?

Oh, wouldn't our lessons be gay
If only we did things my way!

CATCH QUESTION

If there were four flies on the table and I killed one, how many would there be left?

"Three, of course."

"No. Only one dead one."

WORD SQUARE

The answers to the four clues will form a word square, reading the same way both down and across. Can you find what it is?

It sails the seas.

Not anywhere else.

A metal.

We use them at school.

Answers in column 5

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Forepart of a ship. 4 Land measure. 8 Behold! 9 Slice of bacon. 11 Confess. 13 Fuss. 14 It makes bread rise. 15 Act of violence or offense. 19 Scene of contest. 21 Everything. 23 Charges. 24 Fixed amounts of work. 26 Electroplate. 27 Of sound mind. 28 Makes mistake. READING DOWN. 1 Perform. 2 Exhibition of cowboys' skill. 3 Between hand and arm. 4 Because. 5 Alters. 6 Colour. 7 Another name for Cupid. 10 To draw towards. 12 Sentimental. 16 Got up. 17 Go in. 18 Go by. 20 Snakes. 22 Lawn Tennis Association. 25 North-east.

Answer next week

ALL MIXED UP

THESE strange-looking lines of letters are the mixed-up names of two of England's most famous buildings. What are they?

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TEYRAH

Answers in column 5

SPOT THE ...

SEA-WEED on the beach, either lying where the tide has cast it or growing on rock or breakwater. There are many varieties of seaweed, several of which can be cooked and eaten. One kind is dulce, a leathery, flat-looking weed, which is prepared like a vegetable.

A different kind, known as Carrageen moss, is of great commercial value. It is made into a jelly which is used as a thickening for textiles and as a vegetable glue.

PERCY

WHEN sums are hard and lessons long,

When pencils break and things go wrong,

Remember Percy, he's your friend,
Who brings your troubles to an end.

His motto is so very plain,
Just try and try, then try again.

Pay him a call when you are near
And listen to young Percy Vere.

OF COURSE

"Do you know the number of Mr. Smith's house in this street?"

"No, sir," answered the small boy, "but it will be on the door."

ANAGRAM CLUES

Each missing word is an anagram of the one in capital letters. Can you say what the words are?

SHE was not ——— to AGREE to our plans.

Have you SORTED out the things you want ———?

The baby is ———, so PLEASE don't make a noise.

He has been CAUTIONED about neglecting his ———.

Where can I find the ———? In THE CLASS ROOM?

Answers below

LIFE ON MARS

I WONDER what they do on Mars—

If boys throw snowballs at the stars,
Or race in weird atomic cars.

I wonder if they go to schools,
And study definitions, rules,
History, and use of tools.

But wouldn't it be very queer
If some boy on that distant sphere
Should wonder what we're doing here?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ CORNER

- To make peace. It is derived from a Red Indian custom.
- The beetle family.
- Postscript—from a Latin word meaning "written afterwards."
- The one on the London Underground between Morden and East Finchley. It is 17 miles 528 yards long.
- Cygnets, pen.
- Anthony Trollope the novelist (1815-1882) who worked for many years in the postal service.

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Puzzle this out. 75
Find the capitals. Lisbon, Athens, Rome, Paris, Moscow, Berne

Word square. S H I P
H E R E
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P E N S

All mixed up. Buckingham Palace, Canterbury Cathedral

Anagram clues. Eager, stored, asleep, education, schoolmaster

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